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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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FOR: A/FBO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, AS

SUBJ: SPACE FOR ARPA PERSONNEL

REF: STATE 189544

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH ARPA REPRESENTATIVES IN CANBERRA, EMBASSY RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT OF EXCELLENT SPACE POTENTIAL, LOCATED IN PRESENTLY UNFINISHED ATTIC OF CHANCERY WING "A", UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLIED TO THE DEVELOPMENT, LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, OF SIMILARLY EXCELLENT OFFICE SPACE IN THE ATTIC OF CHANCERY WING "B". (SEE EMBTEL 1007 OF FEBRUARY 24, 1972, AND SUBSEQUENT.) AN UPDATING OF RENOVATION COSTS, INCORPORATING VARIOUS CURRENCY REVALUATIONS AND DEVALUATIONS, WAS RESEARCHED BY THE EMBASSY IN ARPA'S BEHALF, WITH THE FOLLOWING FUNDING FIGURES FURNISHED: TO RENOVATE THE ATTIC OF WING "A" IN A FASHION SIMILAR TO WING "B", WHICH INCLUDES SPECIAL FABRICATION OF STAIRCASINGS, ETC., WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY US\$39,000, PROVIDED CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED PRIOR TO THE END OF FEBRUARY 1974. THIS INCLUDES ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REVERSE CYCLE HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING, AS WELL AS ARCHITECTURAL FEES. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE AN UPDATING OF A&E SURVEY. THE ABOVE FIGURE WAS FURNISHED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF MALCOLM J. MOIR, GODFREY AND SPOWERS, A CONTRACTOR UTILIZED IN WING "B" RENOVATIONS AS WELL AS ALMOST ALL MAJOR CONSTRUCTIONS AND ALTERATIONS, OVER THE YEARS TO OUR EXISTING CHANCERY COMPLEX.

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WM IF ARPA, (SEMI-AUTONOMOUS DOD AGENCY) IS PREPARED TO FUND THE ABOVE, THE EMBASSY STRONGLY FAVOURS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE UTILIZED LAST YEAR BY CINCPAC WHEN IT RENOVATED WING "B", TO WIT: THE NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND AT CAMP HAROLD E. HOLT IN WESTER AUSTRALIA BE DESIGNATED TO OVERSEE ALL CONTRACTING AND CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT OF RESIDENT SEABEE STAFF TO SUPERVISE ALL WORK DONE IN THE CRITICAL AREA OF THE CHANCERY. (RE DEPT'S A-3130). CINCPAC, IN ADDITION, DURING EARLY STAGES OF NEGOTIATION DESIGNATED A MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER FROM THE NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON TO REPRESENT MILITARY INTEREST WITH OUT OFFICE OF FOREIGN BUILDINGS.

3. EMBASSY PROCEEDING WITH FIRM PRESENTATIONS, RELATIVE TO MODIFICATIONS TO PROPERTY 03307, 01307 ETC., REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF STATE 187158. HOWEVER, SINCE PROJECT DESCRIBED THISTEL APPROXIMATES US\$40,000 LIMITATION IMPOSED BY FBO ON PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH KINGSTON COMAPOUND TRANSER, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT, ALTHOUGH FUNDED BY ARPA, IT BE CONSIDERED PROJECT ONE RPT ONE OF SERIES WHICH WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION CAR PARK, MODIFICATION OF 21 ARKANA, ALTERATION SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS MAIN WING CHANCERY, AND PROVISION OF STORAGE/WAREHOUSE FACILITIES AT VILLA. FBO FURTHERMORE WILL NOTE (SEE LAPRADE MEMO OF BURGET DATED JULY 22, 1973) THAT EVEN WITH ADDITION OF OFFICES IN 21 ARKANA, CHANCERY WILL STILL BE SHORT 763 SQ.FT. OF OFFICE SPACE. ARPA'S USE OF 900 SQ.FT. OF ATTIC SPACE IN WING A WILL NOT MATERIALLY ALTER THIS DEFICIENCY INASMUCH AS ARPA'S REQUIREMENTS WERE NOT KNOWN AT TIME LAPRADE MEMO PREPARED.

4. EMBASSY OM OF SEPTEMBER 21 ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS OF ATTIC OF WING "B", BOTH PRIOR AND SUBSEQUENT OF RENOVATIONS, FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION AND USE, AS WELL AS ARCHITECT'S UPDATED QUOTATION OF COSTS FOR WING A.

5. AS AN ACCOMMODATION INTERIM MEASURE THE EMBASSY ADVISED ARPA THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO ERECT A PARTITION IN ROOM G-24 (CURRENTLY 253 SQ.FT.) AT A COST TO ARPA OF US\$300.00.  
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ARPA WAS FURTHER ADVISED THAT BASIC FURNISHINGS AND OFFICE TYPEWRITER, IF PURCHASED LOCALLY WOULD APPROXIMATE US\$2,100.00.  
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